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DETAILED ACTION

The reply filed on 10/03/2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The Terminal Disclaimer is improper. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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The terminal disclaimer filed on 10/03/2005 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of any patent granted on pending reference Application Number 09/974,348, filed 10/10/2001, has been reviewed and is NOT accepted.

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Conclusion

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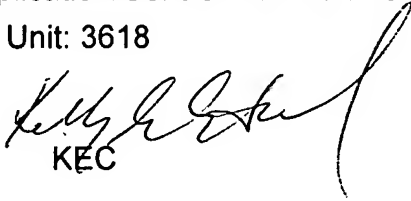
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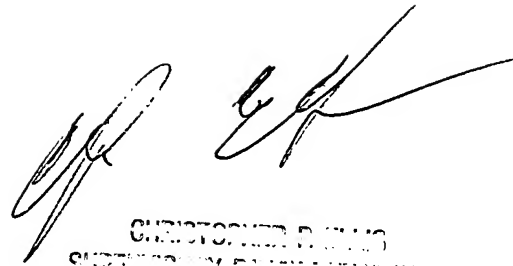
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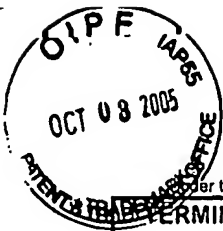
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| TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A PROVISIONAL DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION OVER A PENDING "REFERENCE" APPLICATION | | Docket Number (Optional) 12873/04735 |
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